

## MEDICAL ASSISTANTS BILL

### FACT SHEET

**HB 605:** A Bill for an Act entitled: "An Act requiring onsite supervision of medical assistants; establishing education and certification requirements for medical assistants; requiring physicians to request a criminal records check of medical assistants; and amending section 37-3-104, MCA."

**WHY IS THIS BILL NEEDED?** to insure the **safety of the public**. Under the present rules for medical assistants no standardized educational requirements exist. The clinical tasks that can be performed range from taking blood pressures to monitoring conscious sedation.

#### COMPARISON OF THE MEDICAL ASSISTANTS TO SELECT OCCUPATIONS IN MONTANA

OCCUPATION	MINIMUM EDUCATION REQUIREMENT	LICENSE/CERTIFICATION	WORK DUTIES
Medical Assistant	None	None	Individual physician determines clinical work and scope of practice
Plumber-Journeyman	Completion certificate from a registered apprenticeship program  Experience verification affidavit of 5 yrs experience, legally obtained in the field of plumbing  Voucher completed by an active licensed plumber	Application fee: \$ 30.00 Examination Fee: \$ 95.00 Reciprocity Fee: \$ 95.00 Temporary permit fee: \$ 20.00  Passing score of 75% or better on written and practical examination.  Renew annually \$ 75.00	Defined
Barber  Must be 18 yrs and provide proof of age	High School graduation or equivalent  1500 hours of training in an approved school of barbering or barbering course	Application fee: \$ 45.00  Passing score of 75% or better on Montana Board approved Barber examination.  Renew Biennially \$ 45.00	Defined
Dental Hygienist	Graduation from an accredited dental hygiene school  Minimum 500 hrs of dental hygiene practice immediately prior to filing an application for licensure	Original Licensure \$100.00 Jurisprudence Exam \$ 85.00 Credentialing \$ 75.00  Passage of National Board Exam Passage of the Western Regional Examination Board Passage of the Montana Jurisprudence Examination  Renew annually \$ 70.00	Defined

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